



APPENDIX
IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A graphite powder containing 0.01 to 5.0 wt% of boron and having a looped closure structure at an end of a graphite c-planar layer on the surface of a powder, with the density of the interstitial planar sections between neighboring closure structures being not less than 100/ μm and not more than 1500/ μm wherein said carbon material is surface processed under a condition of scraping off the surface of the produced graphite powder.

4. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a graphite powder containing an amount of boron according to claim 1 comprising:

pulverizing a carbon material at an elevated speed before and/or after carbonization is heat-treated at a temperature exceeding 1500°C for graphization.

5. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a graphite powder containing an amount of boron according to claim 1 comprising:

pulverizing a carbon material before and/or after carbonization is heat-treated at a temperature exceeding 1500°C for graphization;

heating the carbon material under a condition of scraping off the surface of the produced graphite powder; and

heating the carbon material in an inert gas at a temperature exceeding 800°C.

6. (Amended) The method for producing a graphite powder according to claim 5 wherein heating under the condition of scraping off the surface of the produced graphite powder includes oxidizing heat treatment.